



**OCTOBER 2020**



### ***JEFF'S JOURNAL***

*I'm doing my journal a few days earlier than I usually do this month for a couple of reasons. First. I have to go to the doctor on Thursday to have my sciatic nerve numbed up, so I will not have to deal with that pain for another year. Thankfully that can be done because the pain can become so unbearable and debilitating. I will be so glad when it's done but it puts me out of commission for a day or two. Second. Our last Sporting Clays of the year is this Saturday and then the Fernwalt's can be at the Range as early as they want to be. This month unfortunately is a month of lasts, our last major event of the year was the Meat Shoot which was held last weekend. I think*

*things went quite well, considering it was the coldest week we've seen so far this Fall, no one complained about that since the rain we had all week finally stopped. The Meat Shoot for rifle is all novelty targets except for the woods walk and long hunter ranges, that alone makes for more fun than those standard bullseye targets. Thanks to Dennis taking over registration for me on Sunday I was then able to get out and shoot, 40 shots to be exact I was really tired by that time that was done. A first and a second and place made that worthwhile and two steaks will taste mighty good too. The attendance was about the same as last year and I'm happy with that considering all the health issues many people have had to deal with*

*the last eight months, and because of that we missed seeing many of our friends this year. We all hope we will not have to deal with that next year unless of course the Chinese can produce another virus to send us before then. I wonder when people and our leaders will realize they are not our friends and find a way to deal with them. The Octoberfest Party followed the Saturday shooting and awards presentation. Ham and cheesy potatoes, with potluck were on menu along with some great desserts I might add esp. the sweet potato cake. Yum! Thanks to Snyder's for doing the cooking and setting- up. After dinner, a Silent Auction was held in the clubhouse and we made 200.00 dollars on that. Thank you to Lily Rose, Barb Woods and Bonnie Hayes for taking care of the auction and thanks to all of you who attended. What could be better, good food, good friends and we made a few bucks too. It was a great way to end the day.*

*Sadly. Last weekend ended our official Air-gun matches for the season, unless we get some really nice weather later this month, then maybe we can try to shoot one more time we'll let you know when and if that happens. I am seriously going to miss shooting back there because it is just darn much fun and I don't have to wear ear protection or clean my rifle after I'm done shooting either. Then there's the friendship factor, it all adds up to why, among many other reasons I have come despise Winter. Winter will not stop our Muzzle Loading Club Shoots, those never do end. We still have two more of those to go this year on November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup> so you can*

*plan ahead for them. Oops! I can't say never because the weather might not co-operate, so if we have to cancel check your E-mail for the cancellation notice. Before we begin next months matches at 12: o'clock we will assemble to fire two volleys for deceased club members, First for Donald Smith and then for Janet Tessman. Don was a Life Member whom you may have never met and Janet was a very active and valued member and shooter at our club for many years. May they both rest in peace.*

*The water in the campground will be shut-off in a couple weeks so if you're here and need water you will have to bring your own. The pump will also be turned off at that time, so do not even think about turning that back on, that will cost you a lot of money. I say that because it has happened before. We don't need go there again.*

*Thus far all I've written about are endings at the club, how about something beginning, namely HUNTING SEASON. As a reminder hunting rules are again printed in the news letter and if you are in the woods for any reason you should be wearing hunter orange, and you should know who is in the woods and where they are. We always stress safety on the range let's be safe in the woods too.*

*Last thing to address is the meeting. The main focus among many announcements was the election of officers for 2021. The results are listed elsewhere in the newsletter. You will see there was only one change at the Secretary position, after many years of service Dawn Thurkettle has chosen to retire due to personal reasons.*

*Dawn has served the Club well in that capacity and the Board will miss her input in decision making. Thankfully, she will continue to be our registration person for Spring and Frontier Shoots and with that I have nothing else to say.*

*See you soon:*

*Jeff*

*P.S. FYI the Jag Shop is out of 2f Schuetzen powder, we will not have that item back in stock for a few months as of now we only have Swiss in 2f.*

## **NOTICE**

***Beginning October 18<sup>th</sup> you will need to take all your trash home. The 18<sup>th</sup> will be the last day that Arrow Waste will be picking up our trash and will not continue again until April of 2021. Thank you for your cooperation***

## **GIFT CERTIFICATES**

*The winners of the gift certificates for October were Neal Armstrong and Bill Spence*

*Dear Members of GVCNB,*

*I would like to thank the club for allowing me to use the high rifle range to hold a Civil War Living History Event on Sept 18<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>. This event was very different from the type of Re-enactments we are used to. We mostly are invited to historical villages or parks to recreate what it was like for our fore fathers and mothers in the 1860's.*

*We camp in canvas tents with period correct furnishings. We try to dress and learn everything we can about the time period. Twenty-five civilians joined in the fun for the weekend. Three teams of 4 walked the woods walk. At each station we stopped and either asked a question related to the 1860's or gave them a challenge to complete. Their answers were scored and the winners were awarded prizes off a blank as if it was a shoot. Other activities were speakers who shared their knowledge.*

*The first speaker spoke on how pockets were used in women's clothing. The second was a team of two sharing their knowledge on the day and a life of the 1860's farm. We had a swap and sell of used items along with 2 sutlers. Sutler is a term used in 1860's meaning trader or merchant that sells many different wares. We were very fortunate to have Robert Beech join us for the weekend. Mr. Beech is a Tintype photographer. He uses an antique 1860's camera to capture our images. Please see some of his images below.*

*Other activities included a coffee social Sunday morning. We tried coffee*

*substitutes that were used during the War years. Coffee along with many other things were very expensive or sometimes not available. Chicory and parsnips that were roasted and ground were used for substitutes.*



*A Church Service was provided by Rev. Guy Purdue 1860's style. To conclude the weekend everyone enjoyed their lunch in the golden sunshine of fall.*

*This event at Grand Valley Cap N Ballers was created because the Corona virus has cancelled all of our normal events. Not only has the Pandemic changed our hobby but so has current events. Everyone that came to the event was so grateful to have a chance to do what we love and see each other after so many months of isolation.*

*Some of you may know me, but those of you that don't I am Pat Malloy's youngest daughter. I grew up at the club, playing, working and loving the property. It is with great pleasure I am able to donate \$300.00 to the club. On behalf of everyone who attended the event we would like to thank you. It is with great hope to return for another weekend in 2021.*

*Sincerely Yours,*

*Sandy (Malloy) Root*



A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed





## **GVCnB 2020/21 MEMBERSHIP AND CAMPSITE RENEWAL FEE**

*Annual dues and campsite fees are payable no later than January 31, 2021. Payment must be made to treasurer either at any meeting or postmarked no later than January 31, 2021. This form must be completed with payment. Make checks payable to Grand Valley Cap N Ballers. Fill out ahead of time to avoid confusion. Thanks.*

*If you have a designated campsite and the fee is not paid ahead of time, FEE WILL BE DOUBLED AFTER JANUARY 31, 2021. If not paid within 30 days after January 31, the unit must be moved off club property, or it will be impounded by local law enforcement.*

**REMEMBER THAT ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE CAMPING UNITS ON CLUB PROPERTY ARE EXPECTED TO CARRY INSURANCE ON THEIR UNITS OR ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE THAT MAY OCCUR WHILE ON CLUB PROPERTY.**

*Please fill out the following in very clear and legible print and return to GVCNB, 16808 Peach Ridge, Kent City, Mi. 49330*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mailAddress** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**NMLRA Membership #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues \$50.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Campsite Fee \$100.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Submitted \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Group Camping Area** \_\_\_\_\_

**or Lot Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Status Regular** \_\_\_\_\_ **Life** \_\_\_\_\_